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Listing of Claims

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1 - 21. (CANCELLED)

- 5 22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A compound of formula (Ia) (or a salt or ester, or salt of an ester, thereof):



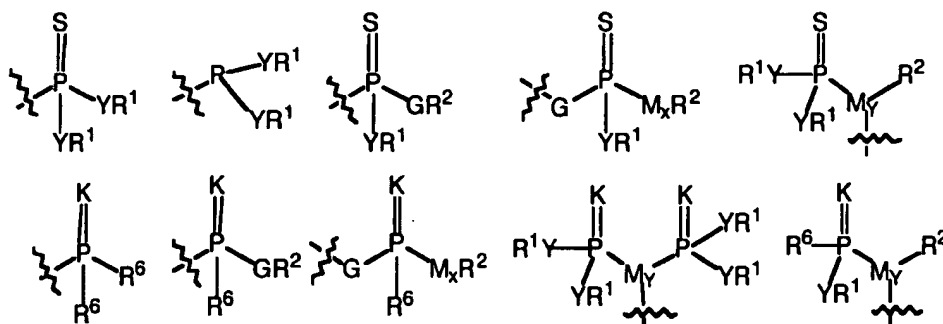
(Ia)

wherein

- 10 R^A is M_x -aryl or M_x -heterocycle where M is a substituted or unsubstituted methylene, x is an integer from 1 to 6, the aryl moiety may bear one or more substituents, and the heterocycle is a substituted or unsubstituted, aromatic or nonaromatic heterocyclic moiety comprising a 5- to 7-membered ring bearing one or more heteroatoms;

R^B comprises an aryl, or heteroaryl moiety bearing at least one a substituent of

- 15 Series IIb:



IIb

- 20 R^C is hydrogen, halogen, an aliphatic, heteroaliphatic, aryl, or heteroaryl moiety, or -ZR, wherein Z is -O-, -S-, or NR, wherein each occurrence of R without a further alphanumeric superscript is independently hydrogen, or a substituted or unsubstituted aliphatic, heteroaliphatic, aryl, or heteroaryl moiety;

- 25 each occurrence of K is independently -O- or -S-;

each occurrence of Y is independently -O-, -S-, -NR- or a chemical bond;